

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 111**

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TO:	The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Right to Life Act of South Carolina		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

See Below

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 111 amends Title 1, Chapter 1 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Sections 1-1-310 and 320, which extends the rights of citizens to unborn babies. The Bill declares that the right to equal protection under the laws of the State vest at fertilization.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Department of Health & Environmental Control

There is no fiscal impact on the Division of Vital Records or any other Division within the Department.

Judicial Department

The Department indicates there will be a minimal fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State, which can be absorbed by the agency at the current level of funding.

Department of Health & Human Services

The Department indicates that the federal Hyde amendment requires Medicaid to pay for abortions in the case of incest, rape, or when the mother's life is in danger. If the state Medicaid program could not provide these services then federal matching funds would be in jeopardy. Federal matching funds are currently approximately \$3.1 billion annually.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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